

GARDNER LAKE AUTHORITY

270 Hartford Road
Salem, CT 06240

Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2021
Montville Public Safety Building

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attendees

Bozrah: Henry Granger, Scott Soderberg
Montville: Kate Johnson, Mike Magliano
Salem: Chris Rios

Excused: Tony Lasaracina, Bill Wrobel

A quorum was noted.

Guests: DEEP officers Major Brian Newman and Sargent Chris Dwyer, Sue Coffee, Barbara Magliano and Valerie Gagnier.

Retirement of Bob Neddo

Bob Neddo has recently retired from the Gardner Lake Authority, serving for several decades as historian, oversight of the dam, and as GLA's contact with Salem Town Hall. The Gardner Lake Authority extends its great appreciation to Bob for his many years of service, and wishes him the very best in his retirement from GLA.

DEEP Patrol Report

Major Brian Newman and Sargent Chris Dwyer spoke to members about recent changes to Encon service in eastern CT. Relocated from western CT to eastern CT in 2020, Sgt. Newman spoke about working to solve problems at the state parks through the review of collected data; to initially identify when and where problems consistently occur; and then striving to resolve the source of the problem. Social media was addressed as a unique presence on the lake, and has been used by jet skiers to identify patrol activity.

Gardner Lake has been selected as one of twenty parks in the state, through Passport for Parks funding, for virtual identification of out-of-state cars. Those car owners will be billed for admission to the state park. Two new EnCon officers have been hired for the eastern district, and seasonal hiring has tripled. The officers reported that the DEEP Patrol on the water would have a beneficial connection to the EnCon officers on the ground at the boat launch and state park.

DEEP Patrol would be available this season to cover peak weekend times, with the ability to adjust to weather and boating traffic conditions. Rates will be forwarded to GLA. If selected, a follow-up meeting in May would be helpful to finalize plans.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Chris Rios made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mike Magliano. The motion passed unanimously.

Attachments

- Treasurer's Report from 2/18/2021 through 3/17/2021

Correspondence & Communication

- **Connecticut Federation of Lakes Zoom Meeting:** "Secchi Disk...Here's How You Do It!" was held on 3/20/2021, and was attended by Scott and Kate. A program is being established to share each CT lake's data via a phone app for a collective overview/purging on lake clarity around the state. Scott has historical data that he would be able to upload, and will plan to take more readings, going from monthly to weekly, in order to participate.

- **UConn CESE Invoice:** Dated 3/19/2021. The final payment figure of \$413.44 was provided by CESE and pre-approved in November. The final bill received was for \$383.16, for a savings of \$30.28.
- **Save the Sound Special Alert:** Regarding “Protecting DEEP Core Programs” was received from Sue Coffee.
- **2020 Patrol Stats:** Submitted by DEEP Captain Eric Lundin prior to his retirement.
- **Marine Rescue Training Event:** This is a regional event for area first responders sponsored by the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company and is scheduled for 4/22/2021 at the Gardner Lake Boat Launch, beginning at 5:30 p.m. By consensus, GLA unanimously supports this event, as requested by their permit process.
- **ECCD AIS Grant Application:** The Eastern CT Conservation has recently informed GLA that their application to develop an algae and cyanobacteria outreach program on Gardner Lake was not selected for funding. Our thanks to Jean Pillo for her time and effort in applying for this grant. The total amount available for all grants was \$265,000. Requests totaling over a million dollars were received.
- **CFL Early Donation Request:** Scott submitted a letter from the CT Federation of Lakes seeking early donations this year. Kate will check to see which year we are at with our annual support.

Treasurer’s Report

Scott Soderberg presented the April Treasurer’s Report (February 18, 2021 to March 17, 2021) for approval. Kate Johnson made a motion to approve the report; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Business

- **Law Enforcement Patrol:** DEEP has outlined a plan for the 2021 season, and will forward their rates. There was discussion about selecting a patrol provider by email vote once all rates have been received and can be broken down for comparison.
- **Water Quality Sampling:** Will begin in April-May.

Old Business – None.

New Business

- **GLA Email Address:** There was discussion about having a GLA email address that all members would have access to. No volunteer(s) came forward to create and manage an account.

Other Business – None.

Public Comment

- **Barbara Magliano** reported that she has seen markers with nets by the southern side of the island. DEEP reported that the markers are part of a walleye study, which will include data also being collected this season by their electrofishing boat. It was noted that it would be helpful if DEEP would communicate with GLA when projects are scheduled.
- **Oxoboxo Lake:** Their dam is closed and the lake is filling.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm. At this meeting time, the Salem Town Hall is closed to the public. The May meeting location will be announced prior to that meeting.

Adjournment

Mike Magliano made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.; seconded by Chris Rios. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kate Johnson,
Secretary